

MINUTES OF THE D/OBI STAFF MEETING, 8 JUNE 1967

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1. Book on United States Intelligence

A number of CIA people are being interviewed by Carl Rowen in connection with a book he is writing on U.S. intelligence. Mr. Goodwin (Assistant to the Director in charge of public relations) is handling Mr. Rowen's contacts with Agency people.

2. Comprehensive Study on Vietnam

A comprehensive study has been done on factors involved in making decisions on future courses of action in Vietnam. This was done in 17 chapters, and was reportedly completed on 23 May. Mr. Brammell suggested that GD/F inquire into the possibility of their seeing the completed studies.

3. Arab-Israeli Task Force

The Arab-Israeli Task Force set up during the current crisis is 25X1A in charge of all intelligence being produced on the area. At [REDACTED] request, an attempt will be made to have OBI put on routing for the periodic "Situation Report" being put out by the Task Force.

4. DDI Publications Procedures and Format

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As the result of the DDI's desire to improve the publications procedures and format within the DDI area, Mr. Smith has set up a study group headed by [REDACTED] of OCI, with [REDACTED] of ORR and 25X1A9a [REDACTED] of OBI as members. This group is to study the feasibility of establishing a printing services unit to act as a central management point for the typing, printing and production requirements of the Intelligence Directorate.

5. OBI Budget Submission -- Phase I

Phase I of the OBI Budget has been completed and will be delivered to O/DDI tomorrow.

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6. Maps for DCI Conference Room

The DCI Conference Room is being provided with new graphics. The far end of the room will have a world map, with an artistic map of South America and Africa on either side. In addition, some maps of current crisis areas -- Nigeria, the Middle East, Suez Canal -- are being posted. [REDACTED] will have the continuing responsibility of having maps put in the Conference Room on a current basis.

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7. Orientation of New Employees in OBI

Mr. Brammell reviewed the procedures to be followed in orienting new employees in OBI, which includes conferences with the Branch Chief at 3-month intervals. Resumes of these conferences, with an endorsement or comment from the Division, are to be sent to St/A/OBI through D/OBI.

8. Special Map Folio on Vietnam

Mr. Brammell commented that the Special Map Folio on Vietnam, done at the request of the Office of the Vice President, was a very excellent job. A letter has been received from George Carroll (Office of the Vice President) saying that it is "precisely what the Vice President wanted".

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